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SUBJ: NEWSWEEK ARTICLE RE AID STAFF HOUSE

1. NEWSWEEK MAGZINE, AUGUST 6 ARTICLE SLUGGED "BENIGN REJECT" CONTAINS AT LEAST TWO FACTUAL ERRORS. THESE WERE REPORTED TO NEWSWEEK NEW DELHI CORRESPONDENT RAMANUJAM BY EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT WRITE NOR CONTRIBUTE TO ARTICLE.

2. RAMANUJAM CABLING NEWSWEEK NEW YORK OFFICE TODAY CALLING ATTENTION TO THESE ERRORS. THEY ARE:

(A) QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER AMBASSADOR DOES OR DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE STAFF HOUSE TO GOI. FACT OF MATTER IS THAT PRIOR AGREEMENT REQUIRES TURNING OVER STAFF HOUSE.

(B) WHILE STAFF HOUSE WAS OPENED TWO YEARS AGO, CONSTRUCTION WAS STARTED IN EARLY 1969, FINANCED WITH FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY A TRUST FUND AGREEMENT OF 1966. IT DID NOT COST SIX MILLION BUT INSTEAD COST ROUGHLY THREE MILLION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT REINFORCE RAMANUJAM CABLE TO NEWSWEEK, NEW YORK, BY APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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